

STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the Statewide Planning Program is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.

Where to Find the Numbers You Need: Census and ACS



From the number of seniors in a neighborhood to the number of commuters on our roads, datasets help planners assess current needs and track change over time. However, it can be a challenge to harness available data, understand the merits and disadvantages of a particular dataset, and use imperfect data in an appropriate way.

As the Rhode Island lead of the Census Bureau's State Data Center Program, Statewide Planning disseminates Census data through a network of agencies, universities, and libraries and fields questions from a diversity of data users. This Data Bulletin discusses the answers to questions we hear most frequently, including differences between the Census and the ACS, how to interpret and report ACS margin of error, and where population estimates come from. Read it online at [Data Bulletin](#)

Division of Planning Awarded EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Award

How can we improve the resilience of our regional and local economies to the uncertain impacts of a changing climate? This is the central question that the Division of Planning and a host of partners including the Town of North Kingstown and URI Coastal Resources Center/Sea Grant will address with the support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Smart Growth Implementation Assistance program.

An EPA-led consulting team will develop a framework to understand the potential impacts and opportunities that climate change may bring to businesses and jobs. The consultants will then pilot the framework in North Kingstown. In coordination with public and private stakeholders, the team will develop a prioritized list of potential strategies to maximize opportunities and mitigate hazards, with the ultimate objective of strengthening the economy in North Kingstown and beyond. The final project materials will be available and usable at the city, regional, or state level. Planners and others who are interested in becoming involved in the project, or in tackling similar questions in their community, are encouraged to contact Amanda Martin at amanda.martin@doa.ri.gov. The press release put out by U.S. EPA is available [here](#).



RhodeMap RI Seeks Public Input

We want to hear your input about our community through RhodeMap RI.

Visit rhodemapri.org to join the conversation and share your thoughts on making the state a globally competitive place to work and run a business, diversifying housing options, connecting our communities, and other topics.

Save the date for the first round of RhodeMap RI Regional Forums on August 5, 6, 7, and 8. Times and locations are still to be determined. The forums will be fun and interactive opportunities to learn about RhodeMap RI and share your ideas on the future of the state.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings



State Planning Council

Schedule for August 8th, 9:00 a.m. One Capitol Hill,
Providence, RI Conference Room A
<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/planningcouncil/>

Technical Committee

Schedule for August 2th, 9:00 a.m. One Capitol Hill,
Providence, RI Conference Room A
<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/technical/>

Transportation Advisory Committee

Schedule for August 22th, 6:30 p.m. a.m. One Capitol
Hill, Providence, RI Conference Room A
<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/transportation>

WTS-Rhode Island Summer Wine Tasting



Please join WTS-Rhode Island on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a summer networking event at the scenic Newport Vineyards. The

event includes a tour of the winery, a wine tasting with cheese, fruit, and deli sandwiches, as well as a souvenir wine glass. Additional wine by the glass will be available for purchase after the tasting. To register for this event contact Maggie Florio at (401) 222-5826 or wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. For the Wine Tasting flyer, click http://www.wtsinternational.org/assets/80/22/WTS-RI_Summer_Wine_Tasting_flyer_rev2.pdf

Rhode Island Infrastructure Design Professionals Night at McCoy Stadium

WTS-Rhode Island is proud to be a sponsor for this 2013 Summer Outing. Join us under the Outfield tent on Thursday, August 29th as the Pawtucket Red Sox play host to the Syracuse Chiefs. Discount price of \$15/person includes all you can eat BBQ and ticket to the game. RSVP to: ascepaw-sox2013@gmail.com by August 22, 2013. Please include your name, number of tickets requested (max. limit of 6), and the society you are affiliated with in the email. You will receive an order form for tickets in the reply to the RSVP. *Only 100 tickets are available at the discounted price of \$15. Remaining tickets will be available at the full price of \$27. Order early!



GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

Municipal Training Offered - Design Guidelines and Standards Workshop- Fall 2013

This is a workshop for RI municipal planners and planning boards who are considering the use of design guidelines/standards for development in order to achieve/maintain the physical character that the community desires. The workshop will provide guidance about how a community can go about answering two key questions:

What do we want? Architect Don Powers of Union Studio Architecture and Community Design will discuss how a community goes about engaging officials and citizens in analyzing the existing physical character of an area and arriving at a community consensus about what they want the area to be like in the future.

How should we use our community planning/ regulatory framework to get what we want?

Nate Kelly of Horsley Witten will discuss the different approaches a municipality can use for incorporating design goals into RI's legally mandated community planning framework (ie, comprehensive plan, ordinances, regulations) and how to determine which approach is best suited to a given community.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm in South Kingstown.

This workshop is free of charge, but limited seating is available. Advance registration by Tuesday, September 17th is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. For full information go to www.growsmartri.org or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, jcastallo@growsmartri.org or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.

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WORKSHOPS REGISTER NOW!

Registration cost: \$99 per workshop.



OUTLOOK Thursday: August 15, 2013

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For **REGISTRATION** form and workshop details go to our webpage: http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/noncredit/profdevelopment.html

All workshops meet at URI Feinstein Providence Campus 80 Washington Street, Providence~ 9am-4pm in Room 329.

All workshops use the **Microsoft Office 2010** setting.

Handouts are filled with shortcuts, step-by-step guides/tips and include instructions for **Office 2010, 2007, and 2003.**

Free parking at the RI Convention Center Parking Garage.

Each participant will receive a **Certificate of Completion** for the workshop.

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